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John A. Houston
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1952
Education: Miami 1977 JD
Began Service: October 9, 2003

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of California, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, Ronald Reagan Administration (1981-1998)

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court (1998-2003)

Military Service: United States Army (1978-1981)

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Roger T. Benitez
District Judge

Began Service: June 2004
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Judicial: Superior Court Judge, Imperial County (1997-2001); Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of California (2001-2004)

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Janis Lynn Sammartino
District Judge

Began Service: September 21, 2007
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

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Howard B. Turrentine
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1914
Education: San Diego State 1936 AB; USC 1939 LLB
Began Service: April 1970
Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

Government: City Prosecutor, Office of the City Attorney, City of San Diego, California (1940-1941); Member, Board of Appeals, Selective Service System (1966)

Judicial: Judge, Superior Court of California (1968-1970)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1945-1968)

Military Service: United States Navy, United States Department of Defense (1941-1945)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Federal Bar Association

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Gordon Thompson, Jr.
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1929
Education: USC 1951 BS; Southwestern Law 1956 LLB
Began Service: October 16, 1970
Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

Government: Deputy District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of San Diego, California (1957-1960)

Legal Practice: Partner, Thompson & Thompson (1960-1970)

Current Memberships: American Board of Trial Advocates; Federal Bar Association

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Leo S. Papas
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1944
Began Service: June 26, 1991
Term Expires: 2014

Judicial: Presiding Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of California

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Louisa S. Porter
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Indiana 1969 BA; San Diego 1977 JD
Began Service: June 19, 1991
Term Expires: June 1, 2015

Legal Practice: Private Civil Trial Practice (1977-1991)

Current Memberships: The American Inns of Court; Federal Magistrate Judges Association

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William B. Enright
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: July 12, 1925
Education: Dartmouth 1947 BA; Loyola Marymount 1950 LLB
Began Service: July 14, 1972

Government: Deputy District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of San Diego, California (1951-1954)

Legal Practice: Harelson, Enright, Levitt & Knutson (1954-1972)

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Rudi M. Brewster
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1932
Education: Princeton 1954 BA; Stanford 1960 JD
Began Service: June 15, 1984
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Legal Practice: Gray, Cary, Ames & Frye (1960-1984)

Military Service: United States Naval Reserve (1954-1957); United States Navy (1981)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Board of Trial Advocates; American College of Trial Lawyers; International Association of Insurance Counsel; San Diego County Bar Association; The State Bar of California

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Ruben B. Brooks

Presiding Magistrate Judge

Began Service: September 2, 1993
Term Expires: September 1, 2015

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